



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2022

Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman Street, Suite 205

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://fastplanning.us/keepup/zoom/>

Telephone Number: 1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 867-8429-3798

1. Call to Order

Jackson Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members and Attendee

The following were present:

Name	Representing
*Jackson Fox, Chair	FAST Planning
*Olivia Lunsford, Vice Chair	FAST Planning
**Bill Rogers for Andrew Ackerman	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Justin Burgess (absent)	AES Transportation
**Randi Bailey for Judy Chapman	DOT&PF Planning
**Michelle Denton (absent)	FNSB Transportation
**Kate Dueber	Alaska Railroad Corporation
**Adeyemi Alimi for Nick Czarnecki	ADEC Air Quality
**Kevin McKinley	FNSB Planning Commission
**Robert Pristash	City of Fairbanks Engineering
**Lt. Mike Roberts (absent)	Alaska State Troopers
**Sarah Schacher	DOT&PF Preconstruction
**Kellen Spillman	FNSB Community Planning
**RJ Stumpf	Fairbanks International Airport
**Jakob Theurich	UAF
**Danny Wallace	City of North Pole
**John Weinberger	Fort Wainwright
*Deborah Todd	FAST Planning
*Don Galligan	FNSB Community Planning
Peter Stern	Bike/Ped Advisory Committee
Jack Barnwell	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
Adam Moser	DOT&PF
John Haas	FNSB Parks & Recreation
Andrew Gallagher	Alaska Railroad Corporation
*FAST PLANNING Staff members	
**FAST PLANNING Technical Committee members	

3. Approval of the October 12, 2022 Agenda

Motion: To approve the October 12, 2022 Agenda. (Pristash/McKinley).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

4. Approval of the September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes. (Alimi/McKinley).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

5. Committee/Working Group Reports (including the Chair's Report)

Mr. Fox noted the following updates:

- The Policy Board approved Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification #7 and it was forwarded to DOT&PF Headquarters for approval.
- The Policy Board adopted a Resolution to form a Regional Planning Organization (RPO). Mr. Fox met with DOT Headquarters staff, and they provided him with a draft of the Cooperative Agreement, and he will bring it forward to the Technical Committee and Policy Board at the November 2022 meetings.
- The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) had a Work Group meeting on September 15, 2022. The focus of the Work Group meeting was to look at their list of 26 non-motorized projects that are included in the short-range list in the Non-Motorized Plan Update completed in 2021 as well as all the non-motorized project nominations to the FAST Improvement Program that have built up over the past few years. The Work Group used the new scoring criteria to rank those projects and put them in order. The BPAC thought the scoring criteria did not capture all of the aspects of these projects, so they wanted to focus on a short list of eight projects for consideration of funding under the FAST Improvement Program or be funded as stand-alone projects in the FY23-27 TIP. This recommendation was taken to the full BPAC on September 29, 2022. The BPAC confirmed the top eight projects that the Work Group came up with. The BPAC prepared and passed Letters of Support for some of the planning studies in the current TIP development process including Bike Lane Signing & Striping Pilot Project as proposed by the City of Fairbanks with a reduced scope, the Airport Way/Peger Road Intersection Study, and the College Road Safety & Access Improvements Study. The BPAC also passed a Letter of Support written to DOT&PF Maintenance for minor repairs to both Davis and Farmers Loop Roads.

6. Public Comment Period (Non-Action Items)

No public comment.

7. Old Business

a. FFY23-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- ***Review of Technical Committee member scores for new TIP Project Nominations, New Letters of Support from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and Next Steps for Development of TIP Alternatives to Release for Public Comments***

Mr. Fox explained that pages 14-15 of the meeting packet contained the updated FFY23-27 TIP development summary. Mr. Fox noted that during the month of August 2022, seven new project nominations were received with two of the projects considered as road or multi-modal projects, and five project as non-motorized projects. Mr. Fox noted that the BPAC expressed their support for the Bike Lane Signing & Striping Project, College Road Safety & Access Improvements Planning Study, and the Airport Way/Peger Road Intersection Study. The BPAC also expressed their support for resolution of the winter access issue on Ballaine Road at Skarland Trail. Mr. Fox explained that as they moved forward with the TIP development process, he envisioned that they would be able to fund both road/multi-modal projects and at least one of the five non-motorized projects in the new TIP because they were low-cost projects. Mr. Fox presented

the timeline for completion and adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the FFY23-27 TIP that was summarized on Page 35 of the meeting packet.

8. New Business

a. Travel Time Reliability Performance Measure Targets (Action Item)

• *Consideration of Supporting the State's 2024 & 2026 Targets*

Mr. Fox explained that similar to last month when they discussed Performance Measure Targets for Safety, this is the Travel Time Reliability Performance Measure Targets that are set every four years. Mr. Fox explained that the last time they looked at these targets was 2018. Mr. Fox stated that as far as our involvement locally, the measures we can take to help improve travel time reliability on our road network is promoting connectivity and alternate routes for vehicles and widening roadways by adding shoulders for a vehicle to pull over so that traffic is not impeded. Mr. Fox explained that as part of this process, FAST Planning is coordinating with maintenance groups to ensure that roads are maintained in a timely fashion to improve travel time. Mr. Fox explained that the State-approved targets from August 2023 are the same as the ones that were set in 2018. Mr. Fox explained that the definition of travel time reliability is, "The consistency and dependability of travel between certain road segments." Mr. Fox explained that the State would like to maintain those targets despite variables such as extreme weather events, construction projects and detours, teleworking, and special events. Mr. Fox explained that FAST Planning could either support the State targets or create their own. Mr. Fox explained that if FAST Planning created their own targets, they would not be penalized for not meeting those targets.

Public Comment: No comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to support the State's targets for Travel Time Reliability Performance Measures as presented.
(Spillman/Schacher).

Discussion: Mr. Spillman inquired if the Travel Time Reliability Data is available locally or just on a Statewide basis.

Mr. Fox explained that he did not know the answer to that.

Ms. Schacher explained that she did not know the answer to that, but they could find out.

Mr. Spillman stated that it sounded like we needed to support this to meet Statewide targets, but it would be nice to determine how we are doing locally.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

b. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #5 (Action Item)

• *Comment Letter Support Advancing Construction of the Aurora Bridge Replacement Project to 2023 and Establishing and Setting Aside Funding for the Regional Planning Organization Program*

Mr. Fox explained that Page 48 contained a Letter of Support prepared by FAST Planning for the changes included in STIP Amendment #5 for the Fairbanks and North Pole area.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Motion: To recommend to the Policy Board to send the Letter of Support for STIP Amendment #5. (Schacher/Alimi).

Discussion: No discussion.

Vote on Motion: None opposed. Approved.

9. Other Issues

No other issues.

10. Informational Items

a. Alaska DOT&PF CTP/TAP Programs-Phase I Call for Projects/Notice of Intent to Apply: <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdplng/cip/stip/projects/CTP.shtml>

Mr. Fox explained that for the Alaska DOT CTP/TAP call for project nominations, Phase I of this process is open as of September 1, 2022 with the opportunity for local governments to provide intent to apply before putting together a full application to determine the eligibility of the projects submitted. Mr. Fox explained that after eligibility screening is completed, the open application period will be in November of 2022. Mr. Fox explained that through the winter the projects will be scored and taken through the Statewide Evaluation Board. Mr. Fox noted that FAST Planning will not be able to afford to fund all of the projects submitted to them and, as an organization will not be applying for these funds, so this is another avenue of funding for other organizations to consider applying for.

b. Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Update

Mr. Fox provided an update of the IIJA funding opportunities that are available to Alaska.

c. Obligations and Offsets

Mr. Fox explained the obligations and offsets included in the meeting packet.

11. Technical Committee Member Comments

- Mr. Spillman commented that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Road Plans update was a two-year process, and a project website was developed for it. The website address is: <https://fnsbroadspan.com>. Mr. Spillman commented that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Roads Plan Draft was released for the final official 30-day public review before they went through the formal adoption process. Mr. Spillman explained that he would be happy to provide a presentation at a future meeting if requested. Mr. Spillman encouraged everyone to review the Plan and the comments are due by October 21, 2022.
- Mr. Fox commented that Mr. Spillman should let them know if he would like a Letter of Support for the Roads Plan.
- Mr. Pristash commented that on Lacey Street between 4th and 5th Avenues, during the construction of the GHU project and the 6th Avenue sidewalk project, and part of 5th Avenue with the storm drain on Lacey Street, they restriped the street so that not only the centerline was put back, but fog lines were added at 10 feet from the centerline. Mr. Pristash commented that it gave a demonstration of what that road would like if it were striped to ten feet. Mr. Pristash commented that he thought it was a good place to demonstrate one option for striping and signing on Lacey Street and he wanted to give people the opportunity to look at it before it got covered with snow.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: (McKinley/Pristash). The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m. The next Technical Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

Approved:  Date: 11/2/2022
Jackson Fox, Chair
FAST Planning Technical Committee